

Questions Frequently Asked by Owners of Newly Constructed Homes

Who paid for the inspections?

The contractor paid for the inspections which were included in the original building permit fee.

What can I do around my house without a permit?

A permit is required if you wish to make repairs, replacements or alterations to your home. Regardless the cost of this work you will need a permit if the addition, repair or replacement involves load-bearing structures, if your house is being re-roofed, if the work includes plumbing, electrical or HVAC installations.



Why do I have to follow the code if I am building my own house?

Two good reasons to follow the 2000 International Residential Code are for the health and safety of you and your family, and in case you might ever want to sell your home. The knowledge required to construct a house involves laws for lighting and ventilation, regulations governing construction, and precautions to be taken during construction. There are also regulations as to permissible materials, loads and stresses, chimneys, heating appliances, etc., just to name a few.

Who should call and get the electricity, gas and water turned on?

Call your general contractor and ask him/her to submit this request for you.

One of the wall switches and a wall receptacle in my home doesn't work. Whom should I call?

Call your general contractor who will coordinate with the electrical contractor.

I receive an electrical shock when touching certain appliances in my home. Whom should I call to ask about this?

Call the Electrical Inspections Chief at 615-862-6560.

Will I need a permit to connect to the City water and sewer system, and is there a charge?

Your contractor usually takes care of this, but you may want to call the Metropolitan Water Services Permit Office to verify any fees that may be needed at 862-7225.

We have water in the crawl space. What should we do?

Check to see if the foundation drain is open and be sure the pipe is not stopped up. If everything is operating as it should, then call the Building Inspection at 862-6550.

Our roof is leaking. Whom do we call?

Call your general contractor.

My deck feels shaky when I walk on it. Who can check to see if its structurally sound?

Bring this to your general contractors attention. If you do not get satisfaction, then call the Building Inspections Division at 862-6550.

Codes Administration Inspection Division **Telephone Numbers:**

Permit Division — 615-862-6510

Plans Review — 615-862-6540

Building/Construction Division
615-862-6550

Plumbing Division — 615-862-6570

Electrical Division — 615-862-6560

Gas/Mechanical Division — 615-862-6570

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The City of Nashville and Davidson County, Codes Administration has a staff of 100 employees who administer and enforce State laws and City Ordinances. These laws and ordinances apply to construction, development, zoning, landscaping, minimum housing, abandoned vehicles and nuisance abatements within the City's jurisdictional area.

For some people, the only contact they have with the Department of Codes Administration is when they build their own home. Throughout the home building process, our Inspection personnel review plans and make numerous field inspections, all to ensure that your home is being constructed in a safe manner.

The Inspection Division works to protect the health and safety of its citizens by enforcing the Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Energy, and Gas/Mechanical Codes and all City Ordinances. If during the construction of your home, you feel that codes are being violated or you think that there is an item not in compliance, please call the appropriate Inspector listed

on the back of this brochure for assistance. However, if the problem involves the decorative appearance of your house or a contractual issue, please call your general contractor.

